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Shifting of the Penitentiary, Madras, from the present site.

* 55 *Q.*—Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleastd to state whether the Government have any proposal to shift the Penitentiary, Madras, from the present site; and if so, at what stage the matter stands?

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" The answer is in the negative."

Sri M. P. GOVINDA MENON:—" Will the Government consider the desirability of shifting the Penitentiary now situated in an insanitary place to a more sanitary place in the outskirts of the City? "

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" This question has been considered more than half a dozen times. There is legal difficulty associated with it. Therefore the idea of shifting the Penitentiary to a more suitable place has been left off."

Sri V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY:—" What is the legal difficulty, Sir, that butts in the shifting of the Penitentiary? "

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" The question arises whether warrants issued by Courts in the Presidency town will be executed in jails outside the City limits."

Superintending personnel of the Madras Children's Aid Society, Certified Schools and Remand Home.

* 56 *Q.*—Dr. S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state— 11-30 a.m.

(*a*) the Superintending personnel of the Madras Children's Aid Society, Senior and Junior Certified Schools for Girls and Remand Home for Boys and Girls; and

(*b*) why the services of the previous woman-officer have been dispensed with?

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" (*a*) The following were the Superintending personnel in respect of the Certified Schools and other institutions under the Society till they were provincialised in June 1953:—

(1) The Honorary Secretary of the Madras Children Aid Society;

(2) Paid Secretary of the Society till 1950 when the post was abolished; and

(3) the paid Superintendent employed by the Society from 1950—(in charge of internal administration of the Society with the exception of the Girls Certified Schools, Girls Reception Home and Girls Club).

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(b) It is presumed that the reference is to the person who was last employed as paid Superintendents of the Madras Childern's Aid Society on a pay of Rs. 300 in the scale of Rs. 200–20—300. In the scheme of provincialisation, no post on the same scale was sanctioned."

DR. S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI:—"Before the provincialisation of the Society, the Superintendent and the Honorary Secretary were women-officers. May I know why there is a change in that tradition after provincialisation, especially when they have to be in charge of Senior and Junior Certified Schools for Girls?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"This question does not arise. When the Government provincialised the Society, the Senior and Junior Certified Schools and the Girls Club were transferred to 'Retreat' and the Boys Home and the Girls Reception Home to Pantheon Road. The Certified Schools are run under the supervision of the Inspector of Certified Schools, and the ex-officio Inspectress of Certified Schools, Srimathi V. T. Lakshmi, is a lady."

DR. S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI:—"I want to know about the person on the spot who is supervising everyday, namely, the Superintendent."

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"The personnel in charge of Certified Schools for Girls will be ladies and in charge of Certified Schools for Boys will be men."

DR. S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI:—"I know there is a Headmistress of the School. I want to know whether there is a Lady Superintendtnt in charge of the Senior and Junior Certified Schools for Girls."

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"The superintending person for both the boys and the girls institutions is the Inspector of Certified Schools. Now a male person occupies that post. We will consider whether it will be suitable to appoint a lady in his place when the opportunity arises."

DR. S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI:—"Will the Government take up this question soon, as the sooner it is taken up the better it will be? I am not saying this out of any prejudice against the gentleman who is now occupying the post. I want this principle to be established by the Government that the head of a women's institution should be a woman."

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"I may inform the lady Member that the idea of transferring the management of Certified Schools for Girls to the Women's Welfare Department is also under the consideration of the Government."